

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
10TH SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT: The Chair (Councillor Miah)
 The Vice Chair (Councillor Brookes)
 Councillors Fryer, Howe, Parton, Popley and
 Rattray

Councillor Taylor (Cabinet Lead Member for
Communities, Safety and Wellbeing)

Chief Executive
Head of Neighbourhood Services
Corporate Improvement and Policy Officer
Community Safety Manager
Neighbourhoods and Partnerships Manager
Head of Strategic Support

The Chair stated that the meeting would be recorded and the sound recording subsequently made available via the Council's website. He also advised that, under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, other people may film, record, tweet or blog from this meeting, and the use of any such images or sound recordings was not under the Council's control.

9. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

The following disclosures were made:

Councillor Fryer disclosed a personal interest in agenda item 9 regarding the scrutiny work programme and the proposed scrutiny of the new model for the Children and Families Wellbeing Service being proposed by Leicestershire County Council, as the Chair of the County Council's Children and Families Wellbeing Committee.

Councillor Parton disclosed a personal interest in matters relating to the Community Lottery.

10. DECLARATIONS - THE PARTY WHIP

No declarations were made.

11. QUESTIONS UNDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROCEDURES 11.16

No questions had been submitted.

12. 2019-20 QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT AND 2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT

Considered a report of the Chief Executive providing performance monitoring information and results for the first quarter of 2019/20 and end of year outturn in respect of the Corporate Plan objectives and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and

to present the annual report for 2018/19 that reviews how effectively the Council has delivered the themes set out in the Corporate Plan 2016-2020 (item 6 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Chief Executive assisted with consideration of the report.

The following summarises the key points of discussion:

- (i) The target for the number of ticket sales for the Community Lottery had been incorrectly calculated, and the actual aim was to sell 1,000 tickets per week by the end of the year, rather than 52,000 tickets during the year.
- (ii) Targets were reviewed every year as part of the development of the annual Business Plan.
- (iii) The development of a community hub in Thorpe Acre had not been achieved over a number of years for external reasons, but it was hoped that it would be able to progress.
- (iv) Generally, the Committee's view was that the annual report for 2018/19 presented a good story of the Council's progress.

RESOLVED that the performance results, associated commentary and the explanations provided, together with the Annual Report 2018/19, be noted.

Reason

To ensure that targets and objectives are being met, and to identify areas where performance might be improved.

13. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Considered a report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services to ensure that the statutory responsibility to scrutinise the Community Safety Partnership, at least every 6 months, is undertaken effectively and to ensure the continued monitoring of incidences in Charnwood (item 7 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

Assisting with consideration of the report was the Lead Member for Communities, Safety and Wellbeing, the Chief Executive, the Head of Neighbourhood Services, Inspector Botte (Leicestershire Police), and the Community Safety Manager.

The following summarises the key points of discussion:

- (i) The total for 'all crime' over the first quarter of 2019/10 had reduced by 1.8% which was very encouraging.
- (ii) However, there was still work to be done, for example tackling 'County Lines' drug related issues.
- (iii) The difference between burglary and robbery was explained as burglary being theft from premises, whereas robbery involved violence against the person.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason

The Committee has been allocated the statutory responsibility to ensure that effective scrutiny of the work of the Community Safety Partnership takes place.

14. COMMUNITY GRANTS

Considered a report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services to provide an overview and summary of the Charnwood Grants Scheme and the grants process (item 8 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

Assisting with consideration of the report was the Lead Member for Communities, Safety and Wellbeing, the Head of Neighbourhood Services, and the Neighbourhoods & Partnerships Manager.

The following summarises the key points of discussion:

- (i) It was pleasing to note in the report the number of grants being awarded across the whole Borough.
- (ii) The grant application process was generally easy to understand.
- (iii) Councillors have a role to play in sign-posting prospective applicants to the grants that are available.
- (iv) However, the number of different grants types available might be confusing for some people.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Reason

To enable the Committee to better understand the Charnwood Grants scheme and associated processes.

15. WORK PROGRAMME

Considered a report of the Head of Strategic Support to assist the Committee in determining its work programme (item 9 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Chief Executive assisted with consideration of the report.

RESOLVED

1. that a potential scrutiny panel to look into Anti-Social Behaviour not be recommended to the Scrutiny Commission at the current time.
2. that the current position with the Committee's work programme be noted.

Reasons

1. In light of the positive Community Safety Partnership Update report, it was not felt that a panel was required.

2. To ensure the Committee is aware of the current position of its Work Programme.

NOTES:

1. No reference may be made to these minutes at the Council meeting on 4th November 2019 unless notice to that effect is given to the Democratic Services Manager by five members of the Council by noon on the fifth working day following publication of these minutes.
2. These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Neighbourhoods and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.